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 Comment. The following information, which it is implied, originated in China, Peiping, and came through the leader of a third force faction in Hong Kong, is probably a fabrication. It is being disseminated only because of current interest in the subject.

1. The Chinese Communists have a scheme to further bacteriological warfare propaganda by which United Nations pilots will be detained when prisoners of war are exchanged, accused of having dropped bacteria on Manchuria and North Korea, and held as war criminals.
2. The Chinese Communists have also made plans to infiltrate Chinese and North Korean intelligence agents behind United Nations lines to plant typhoid, cholera, and black death germs. If United Nations troops are affected, the Communists will have evidence to accuse the United States of bacteriological warfare.¹
2. About these plans PENG Te-huai cabled on 2 March from Pyongyang as follows:

North Korean military authorities and the Soviet advisory group in Pyongyang have studied the bacteriological plans and agree on the plan for dropping North Korean guerillas and agents behind enemy lines with bacteria. But they need bacteria and want to request same from the Soviet Far East Military authorities, along with technicians and instructors.

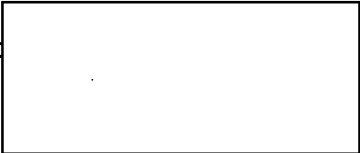
3. KIM Il-song has approved this second plan. It is being studied by Chinese authorities; it is not yet approved by MAO Tse-tung. This plan would also have to be approved by Moscow. About ten Chinese military authorities are insisting on bacteriological warfare against United Nations forces because typhoid and cholera have spread widely in North Korea and Manchuria.

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1. Comment. Presumably the reasoning is that bacteriological warfare of the United Nations has got out of hand and is being done at the expense of even United Nations troops.

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